

## LEARNING AND USING GENERALIZED STRING PATTERNS FOR INFORMATION EXTRACTION

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           The present invention relates to extracting  
information from an information source. During  
extraction, strings in the information source are  
accessed. These strings in the information source are  
matched with generalized extraction patterns that  
10 include words and wildcards. The wildcards denote  
that at least one word in an individual string can be  
skipped in order to match the individual string to an  
individual generalized extraction pattern.